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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 23, 2009, whose three-month response date is December 23, 2009, kindly reconsider the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

While no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 11-0600**.

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